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tic for Governor.

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Life's Study Fits Him Peculiarly for
Duties of President—No Other Can-
didate So Certainly Insures
Democratic Victory.

United States Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, who served in President Cleveland's cabinet with Judson Harmon of Ohio, has come out strongly for Gov. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey for the presidency in a statement just issued at Washington. Senator Smith says:

"I favor Governor Wilson for no personal reason, but because I believe his nomination and election will best serve the people of the entire country."

"Governor Wilson stands for sane progress, for a square deal, for justice to all, and at the same time for a government by law under the constitution."

"He is the most profound student in America of the history of our country and of the great economic problems now to be solved. With the information gathered by a life of study, fitting him peculiarly for public service,



Senator Hoke Smith.

he was called to the governorship of New Jersey. There he demonstrated unsurpassed capacity to handle the practical affairs of government. He proved that a ripe scholar could possess rare executive ability."

"Under his administration New Jersey has obtained pure election laws, intelligent regulation and supervision of public service companies, legislation to promote the health and the educational progress of the people, and many other measures of similar nature, yet no invasion has been made of legitimate property rights."

"Inaugurated Many Reforms. The splendid reforms which he led to successful completion are in line with the work which will confront him as president."

"As the nominee of the party he can be relied upon both by speech and pen to teach Democratic truths with a clearness which will carry conviction to his hearers and readers. He is a master of the tariff problem. His speeches upon this subject are models. He has captured an immense following throughout the entire country."

"As a result of discussing the question with senators and congressmen from different parts of the country, I do not believe that any man can be presented by the Democracy who will so certainly insure success."

"I am assured that the party could not name a man with greater strength in those states usually relied upon for a Democratic victory, and that in addition thereto a number of middle and western states, usually classed as safely Republican, will come into the Democratic column."

"He expresses in what he has written and said and done more nearly than any other man suggested for the nomination the aspirations and hopes of the great body of the people. I favor his nomination both on account of his fitness for the office and on account of his strength as a candidate."

Gruesome Tower.

A strange monument of modern barbarism still survives at Nish, in south-east Serbia. During the War of Independence in 1809, a Serbian garrison there exploded a powder magazine and perished therein rather than fall into the hands of the Turks. A battle had previously taken place, and the Turks commemorated their victory by erecting a rude tower, ornamented with the heads of their enemies. Old people will tell you that there were once 1,200 heads, but as the tower was never more than 25 feet high, this is probably an exaggeration. Lamartine and other travelers give descriptions of the tower. Visitors were in the habit of carrying off skulls as souvenirs, but when Nish became Serbian the remainder were taken away for decent burial, all save a few that were too deeply embedded.

One for the Dog.

Crawford—I wonder what Doreen wanted with a Christmas tree? He

OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

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Children's Home Society had abandoned its work in the Western part of the State. Mr. Humphrey himself is credited with having assisted in the circulation of this report.

The undersigned members of the Board of Managers of the Kentucky Children's Home Society wish here to state emphatically a fact known to every employe and every former employe of the Society, namely, that even if Mr. Sehon had made the statement credited to him (and files of the correspondence prove to the contrary) it could and would have had no authoritative force. Mr. Sehon, as State Superintendent, is an employe of this Society, acting only under the direction and control of this Board. The Board determines the policies to control the work. The State Superintendent and the other employes execute the wishes of the Board.

Such statements as those attributed to the founder or founders of the Children's Home at Hopkinsville are all the more remarkable when it is remembered that the Kentucky Children's Home Society is a State institution and how utterly impossible it would be to discriminate in favor of one part of the State as against another without rendering the entire work valueless.

Mr. Humphrey was not authorized to make a statement of any character regarding the work of this Society after he had left its employ. During the years of his service with the Society his duties consisted almost exclusively in visiting schools and in collecting money from individual contributors to the work and in all that time he had part in the actual handling of probably not more than 100 children.

It has taken this Society twelve years to build up the splendid child-saving agency which is Kentucky's proud boast. It is a comparatively small thing to change the immediate physical condition and environment of a child. But it is an heroic task to so alter a child's environment—changing the physical, mental and moral atmosphere in which it moves—that it will develop into the model citizen of tomorrow. And this is the meaning of the long years of patient work of the Kentucky Children's Home Society. We would impress on the readers of this letter the great injustice done the child who is placed in an institution prepared only to look after an immediate betterment of the child's physical condition when it is possible by a similar move to uplift the child for a lifetime.

Along with the report already dwelt upon, there has been circulated a report throughout the same territory that this Society was extravagant. Combatting such statements we have the testimony of experts in child-saving work and statistics to show that the work is carried on in Kentucky at less expense than in any other State. Almost every State preparing to take up similar work, and even foreign countries, studies the system adopted by Kentucky and seeks to model its institution after the one here. Comparison of the child-saving work of Kentucky, which last year cost \$48,000, may also well be made with similar work done in Indiana during the year for \$400,000 and in Ohio in the same period for \$450,000. By way of explanation it may be added that the Kentucky Society is gloriously aided by the freely-given efforts of some 12,000 interested citizens.

We say to the county judges and citizens of western Kentucky that the Kentucky Children's Home Society is ready and anxious to co-operate with you in every way possible for the salvation of dependent children. There is not and never has been the slightest discrimination by this Society in favor of any section of the State. The Society acts at all times under the supervision of the State Government. It is quite true that the Receiving Home has at times refused temporarily to take children from some county. Such refusal has been always because of an epidemic among the children of the community presenting the new wards, or because of the crowded condition of the Home when the request was made. The latter cause has most frequently arisen. The equipment of the institution is inadequate to meet the demands made upon it. The Receiving Home is crowded right now to its capacity. Hopkinsville is not connected with

the segregation of cases of suspected disease from other children in the custody of the Society. The Commonwealth is now being urged to increase its appropriation to the Society in order that it may care for more children and more carefully look after those under the guardianship.

In concluding, we appeal to all citizens to help advance the work which has accomplished so much in the last twelve years and we make a special plea to county judges that, for the good of the child, they place the dependent infant with such an institution as the Kentucky Children's Home Society which will give him, as the result of systematized effort and long experience, the benefit of good citizenship obtainable by him in no other manner.

Judge R. W. BINGHAM,
President.
Rev. E. L. POWELL,
Vice President.
Judge WALTER P. LINCOLN,
J. K. BULLOCK,
HUGH L. NEVON,
THOS. R. EWING.

Enormous Hog Sold.

Paducah, Ky.—The biggest hog sold on the local market in several years was disposed of by Clifton Norman, of Livingston county, Ky., to W. R. Jones, a butcher. The hog weighed 734 pounds, was 3 years old, and brought a total of \$33.03. Mr. Jones says it would have been possible to have fattened the porker to 800 or 900 pounds.

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FAKE CLAIM

To Football Championship Set Up By Owensboro.

Owensboro, Ky., March 2—The annual meeting of the Western Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held at the Rudd house with the following representatives present: Prof. Nelson, of Henderson; Prof. Collins, of Madisonville; Prof. Shipp, of Princeton; Prof. Long and Mr. Roberts, of Hopkinsville; Pi man Harth, of Paducah, and Profs. Lewis and Foust, of Owensboro. Prof. Bentley, of Henderson, was elected president of the association for the ensuing year. Mr. Harth, of Paducah, was elected vice president, and Cecil Jake, of Owensboro, secretary and treasurer.

One of the chief features of the meeting was two amendments to the constitution, one of which provided that a student of the association must be under 21 years of age before he could participate in any of the games, and that no postgraduate could take part.

Owing to the fact that some of the high schools violated their contracts made with other schools during the past year, the constitution was also amended to this effect: Upon the failure to play any regular scheduled game, unless the weather is unfavorable, the game is to be played on the first Saturday thereafter, and if there is no open date, then it is to be played on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The president decided that Owensboro won the championship of the football games played last season. The trouble came up when Hopkinsville claimed the championship, when as a matter of fact the title clearly belonged to Owensboro, because Hopkinsville had canceled one of the games scheduled.

Silver Loving Cup.

The winner of the football championship of Western Kentucky hereafter will be awarded a silver loving cup. The name of the victorious team will be engraved upon it. The team that wins the cup twice in two consecutive years will be awarded permanent

possession of the cup. Until a team wins the championship for two consecutive years it will be handed each year to the champion football players of Western Kentucky.

Turner-Hall.

Mr. Wesley Turner and Miss May Porter Hall were married quietly at her home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. C. M. Thompson performed the ceremony.

Miss Hall is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hall, who reside on the Canton pike. She is a young lady of very charming personality and a great favorite with a large host of friends. She was a graduate of Bethel Female College. Mr. Turner is a very handsome and popular young farmer of Cerulean Springs. He is widely known and his many friends congratulate him upon winning so lovely a bride.

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